

SPOILS SYSTEM CHARGED IN PRINTING BUREAU REMOVALS

Caustic Comment by Democrats in Both Senate and House—
Discussion in the Senate Continued for Nearly Three
Hours—A Congressional Inquiry Has Been Proposed—
White House Officials Declare President Harding Feels
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efficient Administration—No Possibility of Dismissed Of-
ficials Being Restored to Office.

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At the White House, Secretary Christian, acting for the president, declared in the presence of one of the dismissed officials that a full explanation would be given as to the reasons for the dismissal. He also had the opportunity, although the chief executive regretted that "insinuating publicity" was being given the incident. There had been no "leakage" of information, and he reflected on the character of any government employee.

It was also said by White House officials that Harding felt he alone was responsible for the conduct of an efficient administration and that he proposed to make the presidential appointive power in a manner that accorded with his own judgment.

There was no possibility, it was declared, that any of the dismissed officials would be employed again.

The senate debate developed into a general cross fire of political argument on whether the civil service law was being properly administered. It had never been observed by either republican or democratic administrations of the country.

The session continued for nearly three hours, and the speaker, Mr. Norris, republican, and Hitchcock, democrat, both of Nebraska, returned to post-chamber appointments in their seats.

Mr. Hitchcock denounced what he described as "deliberate efforts to subvert and destroy the civil service as applied to the post office department," adding that the enacting bureau disapproved of not the only evidence of "hypocritical efforts to observe the law" on the part of the post office department.

Mr. Norris in reply read from the Congressional Record of early 1919 to show Mr. Hitchcock that he and his party had done their utmost to comply with respect to getting the other senators out and the democrats in."

Mr. Norris denied that republicans lead in the drive to destroy the civil service system, saying that he believed

ment them."

ADMINISTRATION TO REORGANIZE

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

Washington, April 4.—Gradual reorganization of government departments and offices is being effected, according to a statement of the chief executive, who said today in an address to the senate that the reorganization of the government was the program of the administration, already begun, which is to be carried out in the most judicious and bloodless manner possible.

Operation of the chief service rules will not be served to hinder efforts to reorganize the government, according to the chief executive, who said that his latest peak of service reorganizing advice came to President Harding, who believes that the president is empowered to reorganize the government. The personnel may be deemed expedient in the interest of the country at large, though, is necessary, ensuring legal procedure.

The president was represented as saying the view that under the constitution the chief executive is charged with the duty of reorganizing the government and the administration of the office is in fact, is in error.

In some quarters the view was expressed that reorganization could result in the reorganization of party affiliation of new personnel would carry all old methods, new methods and new ways for the most rapid procedure.

Reorganization is planned, it was said, in the internal revenue bureau and will be carried out in the most judicious manner possible. As these are the most important places, as the internal revenue bureau reorganizes, the chief executive said, he will give attention to the extent to which the prohibition enforcement. Just how "key positions" are involved in these reorganizations, but it is understood that they are considered.

**MRS. MARGOT ASQUITH HAD
NO FAREWELL MESSAGE**

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Margot Asquith sailed back to England tonight on the Mauretania.

But the eager smile with which the wife of a former British prime minister came to America to lecture was missing. Nor had any farewell message.

The district came aboard just about 15 minutes before the gang plank was pulled ashore.

"We hope you are coming back," said a reporter, dashing to her side.

"I wonder," was her only reply.

Then she hurried to her state room where Princess Bibesco, her daughter and her son, were waiting with their baby, and the cabin door closed behind her.

Finally the door opened slightly again and her secretary said:

"Mrs. Asquith said everything she had to say in her lecture last night. She won't see you and she won't be photographed."

And she was gone.

Her trip last night. What else is there to say?

And the door she closed.

Charles Doughty was another British lecturer to sail on the Mauretania.

**ANTI-CATHOLIC PYROMANIAC
OPERATING IN MONTREAL**

Montreal, April 4.—Montreal police tonight caught an anti-Catholic pyromaniac at the altar of the fire which wrecked the central Church of the Sacred Heart with a loss of \$500,000.

Efforts will be made to connect him with the fire, with fires in other Catholic institutions, including the famous Hotel St. Charles, and the burning of the Basilica at the famous shrine of Anne De Beaulieu.

Crosses electric wires are believed to be the pyromaniac suspect's method of causing the fires.

Crossed wires caused the first at Anne De Beaulieu and in the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Fires from the same cause broke in the Church of the Sacred Heart December, but was extinguished slight loss.

A fire in St. Vincent De Paul's Church was averted when an electrician detected crossed wires shortly after 6 o'clock a.m. and disconnected them.

A week ago a man sought admission to the deaf and dumb institute at the electrician, come to inspect the wiring of the institute.

The man, a German, was carrying a cane, came suspicious and refused to

The vessel was trying to lower her record of four days and ten hours.

TESTIMONY BY MOTHER
OF JANETTE LAWRENCE

Morrisstown, N. J., April 4.—Though torn by the waves of collapse, Mrs. Llewellyn Lawrence, mother of 13-year-old Janette Lawrence, Madison school girl, who was murdered last October, finishing testimony this afternoon at the trial of Frank Janzarek, accused of the crime.

Mrs. Lawrence broke down at the morning session and adjournment, was taken to her room and collapsed again, as he told of the last time she saw the girl—six o'clock in the evening when Juarez left to take two children to a neighbor's house. She first noticed the girl collapse, as she described hearing sounds too indistinct to trace during the subsequent search of the woods in which the girl was found. She said she heard the sounds, she said she believed, came from the scene of her daughter's struggle with the assailant.

During the autopsy, Dr. Harrison Mattison of the Newark City hospital, declared death was due to the severance of arteries in the back of the neck and a

BETHLEHEM STOCKHOLDERS DID NOT DISCUSS DIVIDENDS

New York, April 4.—President G. Grace and Chairman Chas. Schrab of the Bethlehem Steel company said dividends were not discussed at the stockholders' meeting Newark. The directors would consider dividends until the late April, they said.

Discussing current business, Mr. Grace declared March had been the best for some time, and it was indicated improvement would go on through April. The first quarter showed low levels partly, he thought, by the purchasing public apparently not so ready to buy as in previous months. To meet delivery obligations Grace said he had ordered additional furnace and open hearth capacity into operation yesterday. The pulp business he characterized as

BANKERS AND BROKERS ARE TO CARRY REVENUE

TOWN BOMBS EXPLODED
IN BELFAST LAST NIGHT

Belfast, April 4.—Two bombs were exploded here tonight and three persons were injured.